

**City of Mansfield**  
**MINUTES OF *SPECIAL* PUBLIC MEETING**  
**May 28, 2019**

In a *special meeting* called pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 42:19, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen met on **Tuesday, May 28th**, in Mansfield City Hall located at 705 Polk Street. Mayor John H. Mayweather, Sr. called the meeting to order at **4:30 p.m.**, after which an Invocation was offered by **Alderman Joseph Hall, Jr.** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Alderman Christopher S. Thomas.** Following the pledge, the roll call was suspended. However, the following officials were recorded as **Present:** Hon. John Mayweather, Sr., - **Mayor**, Mary J. Green –District **A**, Christopher S. Thomas –District **B**, Mitchell L. Lewis – District **C**, and Joseph Hall, Jr. –District **D.** **Absent:** Kervin D. Campbell –District **E.** **City Hall Personnel, Dept. Heads, & Other City Personnel Present:** Gwendolyn Jones (Deputy Clerk), Brian Phillips (Court Clerk), James “Jim” Ruffin (Public Works Director), Annette Blue (Police Chief), and Billy Locke (Asst. Police Chief). **Others Present:** Ryan Todtenbier (*Thomas, Cunningham, Broadway, & Todtenbier, CPA’s*) **Press Present:** None.

The City Clerk next opened the floor to hear public comments from those in attendance to the any item reflected on the published meeting agenda. Since no comments were offered from the floor, the **Public Comments Period** was then subsequently closed.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:**

Item A: It was MOTIONED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** to authorize the Mayor to enter into and execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the City and the *DeSoto Parish Police Jury* for the repair, maintenance and care of various streets, roads and alleys specified in Exhibit A of the Agreement, and located within and under the jurisdiction of the City. At a recent meeting of the *Police Jury*, this political subdivision approved expending funds in their 2019 Road Program to facilitate needed repairs to various streets in the City. These improvements are intended to promote the safety of the citizens and visitors of both entities. Improvements to the public roadways specified in Exhibit A of the Agreement are slated to commence in early June 2019. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item B: At this time, Mr. **Ryan E. Todtenbier** of the firm *Thomas, Cunningham, Broadway & Todtenbier, CPA’s* (Natchitoches, LA) was introduced to the Council and attendees and given the floor to present a summary of the City’s 2018 Annual Audit of Financial Statements. Mr. **Todtenbier** began by stating that as of and for the year ended December 31, 2018, the City was operating ‘*in the black.*’ At year-end 2018, the assets of the City exceeded its liabilities by \$11,011,128 compared to \$10,949,370 as the close of 2017, an increase of \$61,758 (1%). However, it was noted that due to drastic fluctuations in the economy in 2018, there was a nearly \$300,000 decrease in projected sales tax revenue over 2017. While the City is currently in a healthy financial position, it should still be the policy of those in charge of governance to closely monitor expenditures to revenue to ensure the City stays within its projected 2019 financial budget. Finally, the audit report disclosed no material weaknesses in internal control. In addi-

tion, the audit disclosed no instances of noncompliance that is required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*. In conclusion, there were no identified findings in this audit report as they would relate to the financial statements or review of the state-mandated Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures.

With no further business to discuss, this meeting was declared adjourned at **4:41 p.m.** by MOTION from **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and was SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS**. Motion Passed Unanimously.

**John H. Mayweather, Sr.,** *Mayor*  
**Marvin R. Jackson,** *Clerk*